

## Key messages from the learning basket « Peaceful Societies »

### @ F2F 2019 CHRnet «X-Change 4 Peace & Human Rights»

Below is a brief summary of the key messages, take aways and conclusions shared at the F2F 2019 of the CHRnet.

#### Preliminary statement from participants to the F2F:

*“A peaceful society is the outcome of just and inclusive societies”.*



#### 1. State building and alignment strategies in fragile and authoritarian contexts:

- On the need for an institutional position at SDC level: What does the new Deal, Busan etc. mean for the work of international cooperation in highly authoritarian contexts, where no political will for reforms exists?
- On country / program level: What strategies to develop in such contexts: Bottom up approach, work more with civil society? How to deal with the contradiction between fixing red lines vs. the principal of “staying engaged”?

## **2. Prevention of violence and conflict agenda:**

Specific elements considered to contribute to the prevention of violence and conflicts and thus to sustainable development results were identified:

- **Accountability of institutions:** ensuring an emphasis on security sector governance (responsibility of duty bearers).
- **Investing in leadership**, especially for youth.
- **Strengthen Human Rights** against authoritarianism.
- **Psychosocial approach (PSA):** strengthen the focus on the individual for empowerment and successful conflict transformation as well as for more sustainable development results.